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SUBJECT: JIDDA PORT SITREP

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1. ON AUGUST 4, 134 SHIPS WERE WAITING IN JIDDA HARBOR FOR BERTHING. OF THESE 11 ARE CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 187,000 TONS OF CEMENT, 12 ARE CARRYING 17,625 MOTOR VEHICLES, AND THE REMAINING 123 ARE CARRYING GENERAL CARGO, DEADWEIGHT OF 557,000 TONS. DAILY DISCHARGE RATE AVERAGING ABOUT 13,000 TONS.

2. BREAKDOWN OF GENERAL CARGO TONNAGE REVEALS THAT 557,000 TONS TOTAL INCLUDES 46,000 TONS OF STEEL, 3,300 TONS OF REEFER CARGO, AND 180,000 TONS OF CEREALS.

3. AVERAGE WAITING TIME 90-120 DAYS.

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4. EIGHTY-TWO RO-RO- VESSELS CALLED AT JIDDA PORT BETWEEN JULY 7 AND AUGUST 4. RO-RO TONNAGE OFF-LOADED TOTALLED NEARLY 120,000 TONS. THIS REPRESENTS MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL TONNAGE OFF-LOADED AT JIDDA PORT DURING THAT PERIOD.

5. SAG MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS RECENTLY SIGNED CONTRACT WITH BRITISH FIRM, GREY-MACKENZIE, TO INCREASE THEIR OPERATIONS AND HIRE NEW PERSONNEL. GREY-MACKENZIE EXPECTS TO BRING IN UP TO 30 NEW BRITISH SUPERVISORS.

6. LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, THERE WERE 40 SHIPS WAITING FOR BERTHING. HOWEVER, BY THE END OF RAMADAN, MORE THAN 120 SHIPS WERE IN THE HARBOR. THE PORT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE THAT NUMBER SINCE THEN, AND IT IS NOT HARD TO IMAGINE 200 PLUS SHIPS IN JIDDA HARBOR WHEN RAMADAN CONES TO A CLOSE (SEPTEMBER 27) THIS YEAR. PORTER

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